

# ROCKEFELLER CONFERS WITH UNION OFFICIALS

Condition of Employees of Colorado Fuel and Iron Company Is Discussed.

NEITHER SIDE WILL TALK Questions Asked and Answered Both by Representatives of Capital and Labor—Referred to as "Informal, Unofficial Talk."

NEW YORK, January 28.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., conferred with representatives of the Colorado mine workers for two and a half hours today in the presence of the president of the Rockefeller Foundation, at No. 26 Broadway. The condition of the employees of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, of which Mr. Rockefeller is a director, was discussed.

Neither Mr. Rockefeller nor the miners' officials would discuss the conference in detail. Mr. Rockefeller said there had been an exchange of views, and that the union men had given him some welcome information as to conditions.

There were present in the conference, besides Mr. Rockefeller, William Lyon Mackenzie King, head of the Industrial Relations Division of the Rockefeller Foundation; Star J. Murphy, a member of the personal staff of John D. Rockefeller, Sr.; Frank J. Hayes, vice-president of the United Mine Workers of America; John R. Lawson, international executive board member of the United Mine Workers; and Edward L. Doyle, secretary of District No. 15 of that organization.

The conference was arranged after the close of Mr. Rockefeller's examination before the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations yesterday, and a subsequent personal interview between Mr. Rockefeller and "Mother" Jones, champion of the miners' cause.

**BOTH SIDES ASK AND ANSWER QUESTIONS** The six men sat around a table in Mr. Rockefeller's office, and questions were asked and answered by the representatives of capital and labor. When the miners' officials left the room they would only say:

"We had a pleasant talk and an exchange of views about conditions. Don't ask us any leading questions. See Mr. Rockefeller."

Mr. Rockefeller said it was just an informal, unofficial talk.

"They gave me certain facts about the situation in Colorado that I was glad to know, and there was a general talk on the situation. No new suggestions were made," he added.

When asked if he should be "free to know," he replied:

"If you can tell me that I should be free to know, I will be glad to know it. I have been given the statement given out by 'Mother' Jones earlier in the day, calling on him 'to make good on his promise.' He said that he had not seen the statement."

**STABS WIFE TO DEATH**

Pittsburgh Man Then Drinks Poison, and Is Not Expected to Live.

HOUSTON, TEX., January 28.—After stabbing his wife to death at a sanatorium here today, Ward S. Snyder, of Pittsburgh, Pa., son of N. S. Snyder, a wealthy oil man, drank poison, and is not expected to live. On recovering consciousness at the hospital, Snyder attempted to explain his action, but was unable to talk distinctly.

According to a nurse at the sanatorium, Snyder greeted his wife affectionately when he entered her room this morning. An attendant later discovered blood trickling under the door of Mrs. Snyder's room, and an investigation revealed the tragedy. The woman's throat had been cut and her body otherwise mutilated by a pocket knife.

Mrs. Snyder, it is stated, formerly was the wife of a vocal teacher at the same school. She had three children.

**DEATHS**

WILKS.—Died, Thursday, January 28, at 6:45 A. M. MRS. JOSEPHINE D. WILKS, widow of the late John W. Wilks, who died three years ago. She was buried at the residence, 2901 Park Avenue, Thursday, A. P. M. Funeral services at 2 P. M. Interment at Shockoe Cemetery.

BURWELL.—Entered into rest on January 26, 1915, at his home, Indian Creek, Buchanan County, DE. BLAIR BURWELL. He entered the Confederate service at the beginning of the war, and served with gallantry and distinction until the surrender. He was a member of the 34th and 40th Virginia Regiments, and has been a member of Lee Camp, No. 1, since 1865. He practiced medicine for sixty years, and was noted far and near for his great kindness. He was a type of the hospitable old-time Virginia gentleman who is fast dying out. His remains were brought to Richmond and buried in Hollywood cemetery January 27, 1915. He is missed as the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

CEASE.—Died, Thursday, January 28, 1915, at his home, "Runny," Henrico County, MAURICE JOSEPH CEASE, aged thirty-nine years. He is survived by his mother and three brothers, Mrs. Eleanor Thibet Cease, George M. and Wm. M. Cease of this city, and N. Wadell Cease, of Shenandoah, N. Y. Funeral notice later.

RICHARDSON.—Died, at his residence, 2115 North 22nd Street, West, Grace Street, Wednesday, January 28, 1915. MR. WILLIAM FLETCHER RICHARDSON, 68 years old. He was a native of Ohio. The funeral will take place from the residence this (Friday) A. P. M. Interment at 2 o'clock.

EVANS.—Died, January 28, 1915, at Mary Washington Hospital, Fredericksburg, VA. MAURICE EVANS, in the twenty-sixth year of his age. He is survived by two sons and three daughters, Preston Evans, of New York; S. H. Evans, of Caroline County; Mrs. W. H. Evans, of Fredericksburg, VA.; Mrs. Dr. Holman, of Gloucester County, and Mrs. T. M. Crittendon, of Caroline County, VA. The funeral will take place at the grave in Hollywood Cemetery on arrival of the train at 11 A. M. on JANUARY 29, 1915.

PARSONS.—Died, last night at 11 o'clock, January 28, at his residence, 1009 North Twenty-third Street, MRS. MARY E. PARSONS, 68 years old, survived by her husband and ten children. Funeral notice later.

**TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.**

For sale, 2 handsome heating stoves, cost \$45. If you call to-day can get them for \$10. Second floor, 911 East Main Street.

A called communication of Richmond-Randolph Lodge, No. 19, will be held in Masons Hall on Franklin Street, THIS (Friday) A. P. M. at 2 o'clock P. M. to pay the last sad tribute of respect to our deceased brother and Master, Wm. Fletcher Richardson. Members of sister lodges are fraternally invited to unite with us.

By order of the worshipful master, W. A. CLARKE, JR., Secretary.

# NEW POLICIES CONFORM TO ROCKEFELLER'S IDEAS

Bureau of Municipal Research Changes Plans After Offer of \$20,000 Donation.

CONDITIONS NOT ACCEPTED Robert Fulton Cutting Testifies Before Industrial Relations Commission—Oil King's Son's Testimony Thought to Be of Benefit.

NEW YORK, January 28.—Robert Fulton Cutting, president of the bureau of municipal research, testified before the Industrial Relations Commission today that the policies of the bureau were changed considerably after John D. Rockefeller, Jr., made certain suggestions and offered to donate \$20,000 toward defraying expenses of the bureau for a year.

Mr. Rockefeller thought it was unwise for the bureau, the prime object of which the witness said was the "systematizing of municipal government," to engage in political campaign by distributing postal cards and pamphlets. Also he thought it inadvisable that the bureau should work outside the State of New York, or that it should interest itself in technical pedagogical work in the New York public schools. At the time he expressed these opinions, employees of the bureau were aiding in an investigation being conducted by another bureau of the Children's Court of Denver, Col., and Judge Ben B. Lindsay, who presided over it.

Mr. Rockefeller at first offered the money on condition that the suggestions be complied with. The trustees of the bureau decided they would accept no conditional donations. Some time later, however, the practice of sending out postal cards and pamphlets was discontinued, and the work outside the State curtailed.

"The trustees, however, had intended to make the changes for a long time," said Mr. Cutting. "The bureau received the \$20,000."

**OTHER WITNESSES** Other witnesses who testified today were John H. Hays, president of the Church of the Messiah, of this city, and Ivy L. Lee, member of the personal staff of John D. Rockefeller, Sr., and one-time publicity agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Dr. Holmes said that as the teachers' pension fund provided for by Andrew Carnegie was meant only for teachers in non-denominational institutions, the denominational institutions were doing everything in their power to get out of that class. The primary cause of industrial unrest, he thought, was the inequality of distribution of wealth, coupled with the desire of the masses to better themselves.

Mr. Lee's testimony had to do with methods of gaining publicity for corporations.

Before today's proceedings began, Austin E. Garretson, president of the Order of Railway Conductors, and one of the members of the commission, said he thought both capital and labor had been benefited by the testimony of Mr. Rockefeller.

"Mr. Rockefeller," said Mr. Garretson, "proved he was not the kind of man laboring men thought him to be. And I think Mr. Rockefeller has found laboring men not what he thought them."

Chairman Walsh announced today that the commission would conduct an investigation into the entire transportation conditions of the country, the relations between railroads and their employees, and conditions among the workers.

Mr. Walsh said he could not now make public the names of witnesses who will be summoned.

**HOUSE OPENS WAY FOR JOINT DEBATE** (Continued From First Page.)

pass, and just because some bills are going to be beaten is no reason why anybody should get mad about it. I don't get mad when my bills are killed. I try to be a good loser. It is just as necessary for a man to be a good loser as a good winner. I want to say that the Governor has not let me astray, and I wish to absolve him of the deadly sin which some seem to think rests upon him. I was a segregationist many years ago. My blood is upon my own head."

**THE HOUSE** Debate on the bill to create a Tax Commission was resumed in the House of Delegates today. It was stated last night that the House adjourned at 6 o'clock. Early in the day a resolution offered by Major J. N. Stubbs, of Gloucester, providing that no final action be taken on the segregation bills until the measures shall have been debated on the floor of the House, was adopted.

Colonel Robert F. Leedy, of Page, was the first speaker advocating the commission bill.

"This bill which you call segregation works for disintegration," he said. "It is carried out in its full spirit. The State would be broken up and our central State government would be at the mercy of large corporations and the owners of large plantations. In this vein he declaimed against the segregation measure for ten minutes, concluding: 'I now feel that I have delivered my message and I will sit down.'"

**WHITE OPPOSES AUTOMATIC COMMISSION, SITTING IN RICHMOND** Hugh A. White, of Rockbridge, one of the ablest of the segregationists, followed Colonel Leedy. He began with a reminder of the fact that none of the advocates of the commission bill to this time had addressed himself to an argument in support of that measure, but each had contented himself with attacking the segregation plan. He said it was his purpose to address himself to the bill under consideration and to reserve his argument for the segregation measure when the latter comes up for debate. He proceeded to attack the bill framed on the Tax Commission's report. He said the State would never submit to an automatic Tax Commission of three members, which would sit in Richmond and govern taxation in the counties.

From time to time Mr. White was interrupted by questions fired at him by the commission bill's advocates, which he answered in a manner that seemed to show thorough familiarity with the more difficult and intricate problems involved in the different schemes of taxation. The Rockbridge delegate was cordially applauded at the conclusion of his speech.

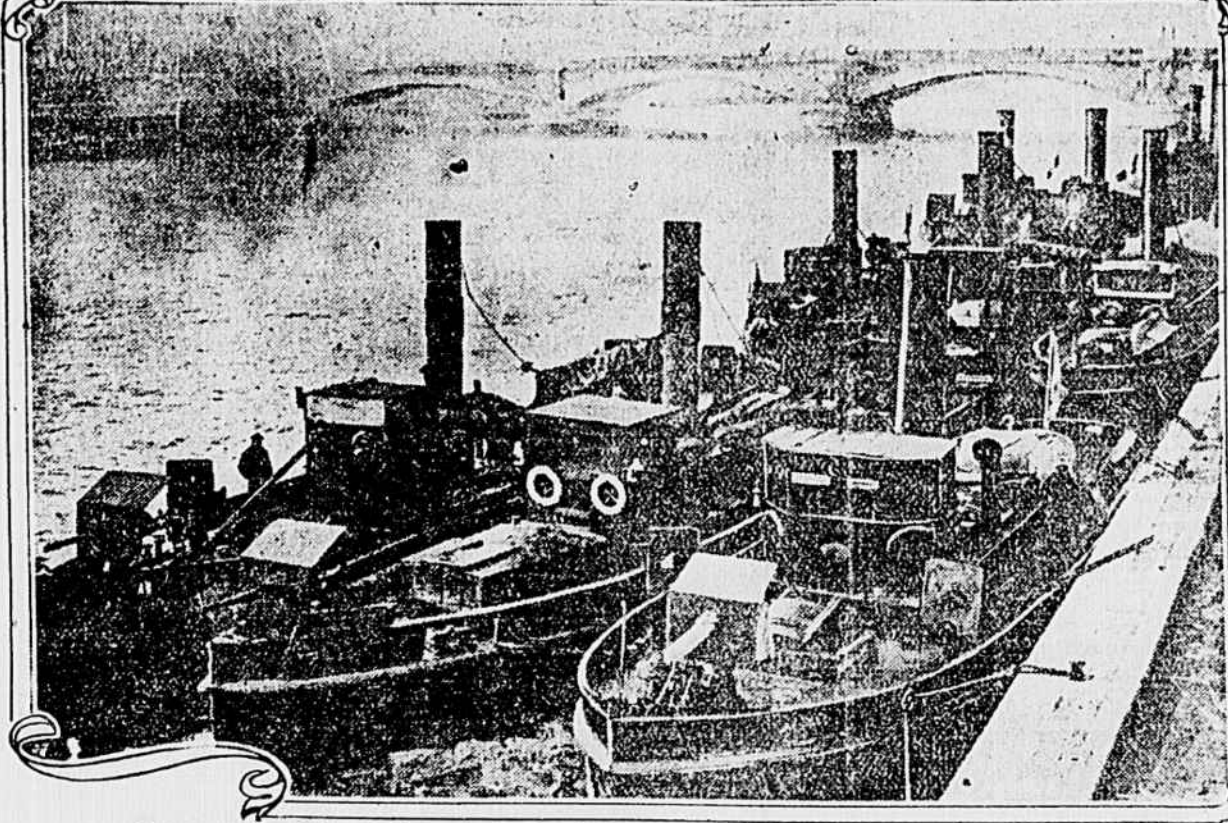
George L. Browning, of Orange, followed Mr. White. Incidental to his argument against the segregation form of taxation he took occasion to speak in complimentary terms of the Governor. "Governor Stuart has his duties to perform and we know he will perform them fearlessly," he said. "I also have my obligations to my constituents, and I shall endeavor to discharge them. You members of the House have a duty to the Commonwealth and the State will expect you to perform it."

O. E. Jordan, of Pulaski, spoke earnestly and forcefully against the segregation system, saying that he preferred the commission plan because he was convinced that it is the best available. Replying to a question by Harry R. Houston, of Elizabeth City County, Va., Mr. Jordan said he was "died to his plan," and that he would abandon all the bills thus far offered in solution of the tax problem if something better were shown him.

Only one bill was introduced in the House yesterday, the time limit on local bills having expired Wednesday. The lone new measure was the companion bill to the segregation of the railroad, providing for the segregation of the railroad stock tax to the State. It was introduced by Chairman Weaver, of the House Finance Committee.

Delegate Gunn, of Henrico, member of the joint committee which is to investigate the school book situation in the State, offered a resolution in the House calling for an appropriation of \$500 to defray the expenses of the inquiry.

# PARIS PREPARED TO RESIST ATTACK



Armored Tugboats on the River Seine—The river is full of armored boats of all descriptions. Some of the tugboats, commanded by the French authorities, are shown here equipped with machine guns and light naval pieces.

Paris is fortified for miles around the outskirts by intrenchments, and the River Seine is full of armored boats of all descriptions. Some of the tugboats, commanded by the French authorities, are shown here equipped with machine guns and light naval pieces.

Paris suffered a serious, though not necessarily fatal, wound. He was taken to Virginia Hospital, Rossell, Va., and had visited by cousin, Fred Hopkins, and had there met the man who later shot him. The men had an argument in the house, and the unknown negro is said to have followed Hopkins into the street, where the shooting occurred. He had not been captured at an early hour.

**OBITUARY** William Fletcher Richardson, a Confederate veteran, a member of the Prince William Cavalry, was an elder in this city's Presbyterian Church during his residence in Richmond, and was otherwise prominent. He is survived by three daughters, one of whom is Mrs. W. N. Handet, of this city, and two sons, one of whom is S. H. Evans, of Fredericksburg. He is survived by his widow and two daughters.

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